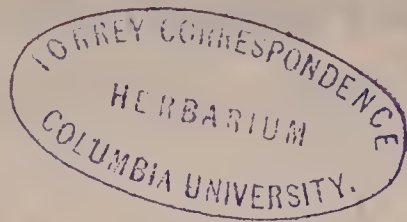


And  
Nov. 15th 1834  
To Dr Geo Torrey



Dr Sir

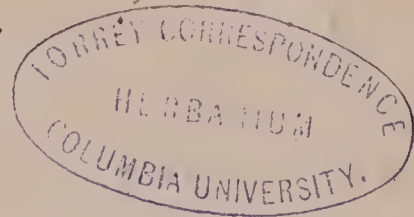
Your letter reached me at  
the busiest & most perplexed period of my whole  
life, or you should have received an earlier reply.  
+ Even now I can only make you promises of  
aid to be rendered some time the ensuing spring.  
For some months I have been engaged in winding  
up an extensive business, which I have pursued  
for 20 years preparatory to a retirement into the  
country, when my facilities for serving you  
will be much increased — meantime my  
herbarium is in disorder and I cannot conveniently  
select & forward such specimens as I think  
would be useful to you, nor command the time  
required to prepare a Catalogue of such plants  
as have come within the range of my notice  
more over, having prepared specimens only with  
a view to future reference for my own satisfaction



the number has seldom exceeded two or three but  
before the spring opens I will endeavor to make  
out a list of what plants I know hereabouts and  
will with pleasure prepare & forward such of  
them as you may desire. — My friend and  
botanical Colleague Mr. May A Curtis is  
now at the North (Charles Town Mass.) should you  
meet with him you will find him prepared  
to furnish you with a list & description of near-  
ly all our plants, & by his superior attainments  
in this branch of Nat Hist to render you more  
useful service than

Yr obt st

James F. M. Raven



P.S. I copied from Loomis's & Cronin's  
catalogue the names of such plants  
as you have then noted and  
have expressed to Dr Loomis  
my willingness to aid him  
in supplying you

J F M